



Power Panther Turns Up the Heat During July and August

Power Panther traveled more than 26,000 miles in July and August promoting healthy lifestyle behaviors to children and their parents/caregivers in 16 States.

Olympic silver medalist Sara McMann joined Power Panther and Darlene Sanchez, MPRO Special Nutrition Programs Director, as they visited the Neighborhood Centers of Johnson County in Iowa City, **Iowa**. The Neighborhood Centers sponsors a summer food program in seven Johnson County neighborhoods. Power Panther and McMann taught children about the importance of making healthy choices each day and played parachute games with children.



Power Play. Power Panther and Iowa City Summer Food Service Program participants get physically active playing parachute games with Olympian Sara McMann.

Despite sweltering July temperatures, Power Panther and his buddy Ollie Osprey brought smiles to children's faces in **Montana** at the Missoula Osprey/Ogden Raptors minor league baseball game.

Power Panther visited the Chickasaw Nation in Ada, **Oklahoma** for a series of children's nutrition education events at Cougar Summer Academy. These included *Power Panther Loves Whole Grains*, *Power Panther Loves Calcium*, and *Remember to Eat Breakfast*. Eighty students in grades K-4 danced with Power Panther, ate string cheese and whole grain snacks, and learned how to read food labels.



Power Pals. Power Panther and Ollie Osprey pose with baseball fans who promised to "eat their vegetables."

Power Panther attended the **Illinois** School Nutrition Association meeting in Peoria. He joined the marching band in leading Conference attendees on a walk, and opened the exhibit hall with former President Abraham Lincoln. Approximately 300 people attended the Conference.

Power Panther attended a Back to School Block Party in Asbury Park, **New Jersey** to promote healthy eating and physical activity, while underscoring the importance of educational achievement. The special community education event was hosted by the City of Asbury Park.



Everyone Loves a Parade. Power Panther joins former President Abraham Lincoln, a marching band, and Illinois School Nutrition Association meeting attendees for a parade in Peoria.

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In **New York**, Power Panther celebrated the U.S. Tennis Association's Arthur Ashe Kids' Day – the U.S. Open's pre-tournament celebration for families. The event was coordinated by SERO.

Power Panther attended an Amerigroup/DC Public Schools community health fair in **Washington, DC** to teach children and their parents/caregivers how to use MyPyramid to make healthful food choices. More than 1,500 children, parent, and caregivers were in attendance.

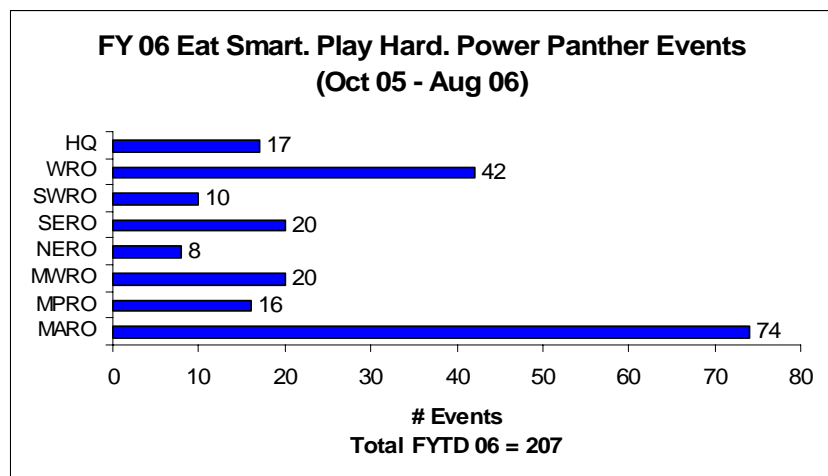
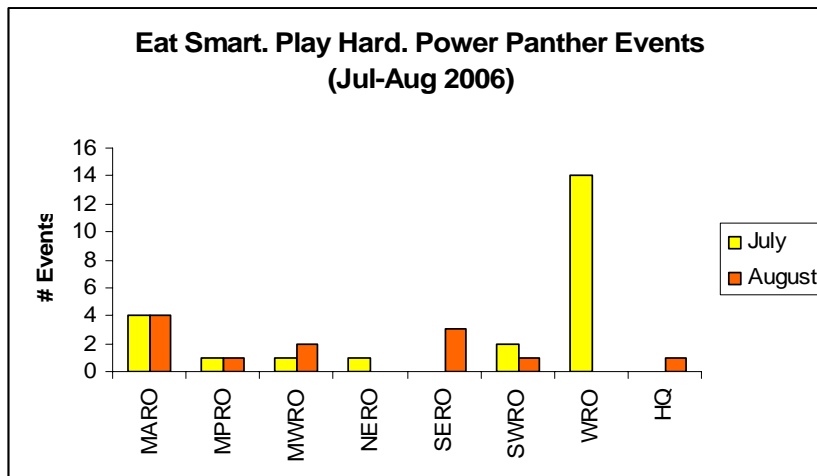
In **New Mexico**, Power Panther demonstrated the importance of healthy lifestyle behaviors at the City of Las Cruces' Summer Food Service Program's (SFSP) End of Summer Bash.

Power Panther visited **Maryland** to highlight the Eat Smart. Play Hard.™ campaign at an SFSP Reading for Life event. Approximately 200-300 people attended the Summer Learning Pep Rally.

Promoting physical activity was at the top of Power Panther's agenda when he visited a WIC Health Fair in **Pennsylvania**. The event was part of a Family Fun in the Valley celebration. Approximately 150 people attended.



The Gang's All Here. Power Panther visits the USDA booth at the USTA's Arthur Ashe Kids' Day.



Note: Power Panther event data are based on invoices from International Mascot Corporation and information provided by regional offices. Please notify Heather Hopwood (703-305-2120) of any discrepancies.

